

## Ranchero Days Time Table

The following is the schedule of events for Ranchero Days, which opens Wednesday at the Civic Center:

Wednesday, 6 p.m. Opening of rides, booths and concessions stands at Civic Center.

Thursday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Carnival activities at Civic Center.

Friday, 8 to 11 p.m. Carnival at Civic Center.

8:15 p.m. Aquacade in Benstead Plunge.

Saturday, 10 a.m. Formation of parade at Cabrillo and Carson.

Noon, opening of carnival at Civic Center.

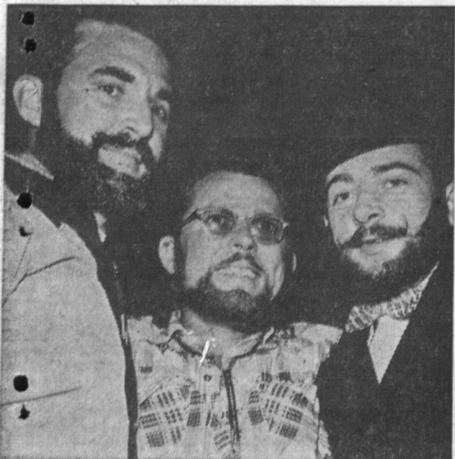
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# Grand Jury Probe Leads To Narcotics Roundup

## Board Shakeup Planned

### Law May Remove Member

Resubmission of an ordinance amendment which might "purge" at least one member of the Civil Service Commission, may create some fireworks at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier will present an amendment which will cut the terms of commissioners from six to four years, in line with terms of other city commissioners.

Immediate effect of the change, if approved, could be the ouster of George Downey, who has served more than four years on his present term.

The change also would permit the mayor to make the nomination with the approval of the city council majority, and would also permit removal by a majority vote.

**Majority Vote**

When the amendment was first drawn by Remelmeier, it held that approval of appointments and removals would require a four-fifths majority.

With the increase of the council membership from five to seven members, councilmen were unable to figure out the fractional requirement and sent the draft back for change.

The new law will also permit the ouster of any commissioner who fails to show up for three consecutive meetings without excuse.

The council will also be asked to act on the nomination of two Airport Commissioners, proposed last week by Mayor Albert Isen.

**Renominated**

Isen nominated Robert Herick for a second term, but failed to renominate Jack E. White, whose term also expired, for reappointment.

In White's place, the mayor nominated Richard E. Floyd, of 4010 W. 184th St., a salesman.

Still pending in a series of commission shakeups, is the reduction of the Planning Commission from nine to seven members.

The move to chop down the number was tabled until next January when the term of President Bert Lynn and member John Mulvihill expire.

Presently there is one vacancy on the commission, created when J. A. Beasley was elected to the council in April.

**PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAINING**

Army Pvt. James J. Tedesco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian J. Tedesco, 21145 Budlong Ave., is receiving training in psychological warfare under the Reserve Forces Act program at Fort Bragg, N.C. He is scheduled to complete his training in September.

## Summer School No Longer for Dumbbells, but Offers Opportunity to Advance Specialized Knowledge

Summertime isn't playtime for some 4600 students in the Torrance Unified School District who are attending summer school sessions.

Things are a little different in summer school, however, because most of the children are there because they want to be—or because their parents want them to be.

Summer school isn't the "dumbbell school" it used to be, according to Roland K. Petrat, director of Torrance summer sessions. It offers a chance for top students to learn more in a number of fields and offers children who need help in certain subjects to get it. The intelligence range in summer classes, is the same as those in regular classes, he said.

Classes follow a planned pattern of instruction, with more than 50 per cent of the time devoted to basic skills—reading, writing and arithmetic. Social studies, science, music, art, and other regular courses also are included in the program.

There is time set aside, however, for special projects in which members of a particular class may be interested.

Parents and teachers of the children are asked for advice on subjects in which children need help. Summer teachers try to give special attention to these areas.

The program is designed to be interesting to the children," Petrat said. "Children don't have to attend and can drop out at any time. We have found

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## Four Held On Dope Charges

Sheriff's narcotics officers and Torrance police Thursday nabbed four youths on narcotics charges while they were after two who were indicted by the County Grand Jury.

One of them, Tony Gomez, 19, of 2162 W. 237th St., is accused of selling marijuana cigarettes and benzedrine pills, on complaint of narcotics officers who obtained the Grand Jury indictment against him.

While the narcotics officers were en route from Gomez's home to that of Jimmy Jeff Ervin, 19, of 2378 W. 237th St., wanted on a misdemeanor Grand Jury warrant, they stumbled on two additional suspects, they said.

Officers said as they passed the corner of 237th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., they spotted Ervin talking to two other youths who were seated in a car parked at the intersection.

While searching one of them, identified as Kenneth Richard Jedlicka, 18, of 2618 W. 185th St., deputies said they observed a marijuana cigarette fall out of his wallet to the ground.

Jedlicka, and his companion, Michael Dean Becker, 18, of 721 Elvira St., Redondo Beach, were booked on suspicion of narcotics possession, and the car was impounded.

Narcotics officers, who called in Torrance police to assist with the arrests, termed their work "a darn good pinch."

They said they had previously received warrants to arrest both Gomez and Ervin, following secret testimony to the Grand Jury by an undercover agent.

They said that as far as they knew, Gomez did not push heroin, but dealt in marijuana and pills.

**Industry Planning Delayed**

A master lay-out of an industrial triangle was delayed Wednesday, when agents for the property failed to show up for a special meeting of the Planning Commission.

The planners were slated to go over proposed street plans for the 80-acre tract bounded by Maricopa St., Maple Ave., and the Santa Fe right-of-way.

Planners want the owners, Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Co., to install a 50-ft. buffer strip north of Maricopa, and access roads to the proposed industrial development so that truck traffic will be kept off Maricopa and other residential streets.

The Magnovox Corp., recently announced it intends to build an electronics plant on the north side of Maricopa on a 10-acre tract, with another 10 acres of land under option for possible future development.

**Abbot's Got the Cash, Someone's Got His Motor**

Ted Abbot, of 18716 Florwood Ave. was purring like a smooth-running outboard motor today.

His satisfaction came after he sold a 12-hp outboard motor shortly after his classified ad appeared in the Torrance Press Thursday.

Abbot reported that he received a dozen calls on his ad, and sold the motor for his asking price, \$70.

If you have something to sell, buy or rent, and want quick results, call a Torrance Press ad-taker at FA 8-2345, for capable assistance.

**CAMPERS**—Mike Van De Vort, right, hands bedroll to Paul Slyh, leader, Friday night when a score of boys took off for a camping trip to Yellowstone Park under sponsorship of the Torrance YMCA. Boys will be gone for a week.

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